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SUBJ: U.S. TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 4 AND 6 REFTEL, MISSION ARRANGED HAVE
GOI INVITE FAA/MLS PROGRAM MANAGER FRISBIE AND NAFEC DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEL BALZO TO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS ON US MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM FOR
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, ITS DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR CIVIL
AVIATION, AND A SPECIALLY CONSTITUTED ITALIAN MLS STUDY GROUP. MEET-
INGS WERE HELD NOVEMBER 21 AND 22 UNDER AEGIS OF EMBASSY WITH EMBASSY
ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND FAA REPRESENTATIVE SWITZER
ATTENDING.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION DAVIDE COLLINI AND KEY MEMBERS
OF HIS STAFF, REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE INSPECTORATE OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FLIGHT ASSISTANCE (ITAV), AND ITALIAN INDU-
STRY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED BRIEFING ON ITALIAN SIDE. THEY
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SHOWED GENUINE INTEREST IN US/MLS PROGRAM, AND ALL CONCERNED
APPEARED WELL SATISFIED WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND OUTCOME OF MEET-
INGS. PRESENTATION BY U.S. GROUP FEATURED FILM SHOWING ON TRSB
SYSTEM AS WELL AS SLIDES, FOLLOWED BY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.
EXCELLENT ITALIAN TRANSLATIONS OF MLS FILM SOUNDTRACK WAS WELL RE-
CEIVED BY ITALIANS. AS EXTRA DIVIDEND, THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY
FILM WILL BE SHOWN ON ITALIAN PRIVATE TV OPERATING IN ROME AREA.

3. LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BENDIX AND ITALIAN FIRM SELENIA APPLICABLE TO TRSB SYSTEM IS IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION FOR ITALY BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND EMPLOYMENT. IT ALSO MAY CREATE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES DEPENDING ON FINAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT. THIS ASPECT EXPECTED TO FINFLUENCE HEAVILY DECISION IN FAVOR OF US TRSB PROPOSAL, AS EVIDENCED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL COLLINI'S INTEREST IN LICENSING ARRANGEMENT.

4. WE BELIEVE VISIT OF FAA/MLS TEAM PROVIDED STRONG FOLLOW-THROUGH TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL. TEAM SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR ORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL HANDLING OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP OF ITALIAN EXPERTS. WE ARE ADVISED THAT GOI WILL BE REPRESENTED AT ICAO/AWO MEETING AT MONTREAL NEXT APRIL. POST-BRIEFING COMMENT FROM ITALIAN EXPERTS, WHO WILL HAVE GREAT WEIGHT IN FORMING ITALIAN DECISION, SHOWED THEY LEANING SUBSTANTIALLY IN FAVOR OF US/MLS SYSTEM.

5. FRISBIE EXTENDED INFORMAL INVITATION TO ITALIANS TO WITNESS US/MLS DEMONSTRATIONS IN EUROPE. FOR FAA: SUGGEST FORMAL INVITATION BE SENT ASAP TO DIRECTOR GENERAL COLLINI AND AT LEAST ONE EXPERT OF HIS CHOICE TO ATTEND DEMONSTRATION IN BRUSSELS AND NORWAY. INVITATION SHOULD BE SENT BY TELEGRAM TO AMEMBASSY ROME FOR TRANSMITTAL TO COLLINI.

6. RE COMPETING UK-DOPPLER SYSTEM, SOME CONFUSION EXISTS. ITALIANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATED DOPPLER DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR MILAN WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATE FUTURE DUE OTHER COMMITMENTS DOPPLER EQUIPMENT. ITALIANS FURTHER SPECULATE NO DEMONSTRATION LIKELY TO OCCUR PRIOR APRIL, 1978 ICAO MEETING. APPARENTLY FOR THIS REASON FAA WAS NOT PRESSED TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SYSTEM IN ITALY. GARDNER

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